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1. AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY (APRIL 11), I WAS SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE BY SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE HELSTOSKI RESOLUTION, WHICH ELEKDAG EMPHASIZED CARRIED POTENTIAL FOR EXTREMELY ADVVERSE CONSEQUENCES IN U.S. - TURKISH RELATIONS. ELEKDAG'S PRESENTATION FOLLOWED WORD FOR WORD THE CONTENTS OF A BOUT DE PAPIER WHICH HE HANDED ME AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING. THE LATTER READ AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SEVERAL TIMES DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THROUGH TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ANKARA TO THE RESOLUTION PREPARED BY HONORABLE HENRY HELSTOSKI, REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, AIMING TO DESIGNATE APRIL 24, 1975 AS NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN WHICH REFERS TO THE ARMENIAN VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN REVOLT IN 1915 IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEARNED WITH GREAT
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REGREAT THAT THE RESOLUTION WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS WAS ACCEPTED

BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 8, 1975:
'JOINT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 24, 1975 AS NATIONAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN'
"RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,
THAT APRIL 24, 1975, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS 'NATIONAL DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN', AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED
TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES TO OBSERVE SUCH DAY AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
ALL THE VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE PERPETRATED IN 1915, AND IN WHOSE
MEMORY THIS DATE IS COMMEMORATED BY ALL ARMENIANS AND
THEIR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.'
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO INVITE THE
ATTENTION OF THE EMEBASSY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION AS IT
STANDS OPENLY AIMS AT INCULPATING TURKEY OF THE PERPETRATION
OF THE SO-CALLED GENOCIDE AGAINST THE ARMENIANS.
THE MINISTRY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE
ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS UNFOUNDED
ALLEGATIONS SUCH AS GENOCIDE IS NOT ONLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH
THE EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES
BUT THE ACCEPTANCE THEREOF BY AN INSTITUTION SUCH AS THE U.S.
CONGRESS SHALL CAUSE GREAT HARM TO THESE RELATIONS.
FURTHERMORE, IN CASE IT WOULD BE ESPOUSED BY THE
U.S. CONGRESS, IT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS, UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, CONVENTION OF
UNESCO ETC., WHICH AIM TO PREVENT HATRED AMONG NATIONS AND
WHICH TRY TO STRENGTHEN PEACE, UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND
FRIENDSHIP AMONG ALL NATIONS, NATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUPS.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION
EXPOUNDED ABOVE HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL
DO EVERYTHING TO BLOCK THE SAID RESOLUTION. ANKARA, APRIL 11,
1975. END TEXT.

2. ELEKDAG ALSO REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL
HAD ASKED HIM TO EMPHASIZE TO ME HIS PERSONAL CONCERN OVER THE
ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS RESOLUTION IF IT SHOULD BE PASSED
BY THE CONGRESS. IN RESPONSE I SAID I WOULD OF COURSE REPORT
TO WASHINGTON THE VIEWS HE HAD EXPRESSED. I REPORTED ON THE
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LEGISLATIVE HSITORY AND THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE STATUS OF THE
RESOLUTION, AND I NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY WEIGHED
IN ON THE HILL AGAINST ITS ENACTMENT.
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